



From the Principal....

September 6, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to MPE for the 2019-2020 school year! We had a wonderful first week of school. The second week got off to a great start, especially with having our kindergarten students with us. Obviously, the end of the week didn't go as planned. I hope you and your family made it through Hurricane Dorian unscathed. Please note the student make-up days for Sept. 5th and Sept. 6th are Nov. 1st and Dec. 20th.

We have many new faces and several changes at Mills Park this year, so I'd like to formally introduce our new teachers/staff and share the changes with you:

Staff Member	Position	Previous Position
Joan Burnet	Front Desk Receptionist	New to MPE
Hannah Cogswell	Second Grade Teacher	New to MPE
Kaylee Rochelle	Third Grade Teacher	New to MPE
Karissa Kist	Third Grade Teacher	New to MPE
Kathy Murawa	Fourth Grade Teacher	New to MPE
Keeley Pollard	Fifth Grade Teacher	New to MPE
Emilie Young	Art Teacher	New to MPE
Brittany Thompson	School Psychologist Intern	New to MPE
Moira Conlon	Social Worker	New to MPE
Janeth Zuniga	Pre-K Teacher Assistant	New to MPE
Karis Horner	ECS Teacher Assistant	New to MPE
Sneha Vishakanta	Special Programs Teacher Assistant	New to MPE
Teannah Madyun	Cafeteria Manager	New to MPE
Humberto Hernandez	Head Custodian	New to MPE
Connie Hong	Child Nutrition Cashier/Assistant	New to MPE
Kellie Huffman	Pre-K Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher
Kortney Meyer	Kindergarten Teacher	Fourth Grade Teacher
Jennifer Moxley	Third Grade Teacher	Media Assistant
Meaghan White	Fourth Grade Teacher	Third Grade Teacher
Michelle Reichel	Fourth Grade Teacher	Third Grade Teacher
Connie Harland	Fourth Grade Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher
Shirley Pyon	STEM Teacher	Fifth Grade Teacher
Cindy Irwin	Pre-K Teacher Assistant	First Grade Teacher Assistant
Charyl Ryan	First Grade Teacher Assistant	Kindergarten Teacher Assist.
Karen Hammers	Media Assistant	Retiree



Here Comes the Bus

WCPSS Transportation provides bus rider families with a free bus tracking system called *Here Comes the Bus*.

Here Comes the Bus translates GPS data into an easy to use customizable map that works on a computer, tablet or smartphone. The app allows you to see where the bus is and how close it is to your stop.

Get started with *Here Comes the Bus* at <https://herecomesthebus.com/getting-started/>. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. The **WCPSS school code is 67500**. For your smartphone or tablet, download the *Here Comes the Bus* app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

When entering your student's last name on the app, spell it as it appears on your Home Base/PowerSchool account. If there is a hyphen in the name, make sure you include it. Only enter the first 18 characters of your student's last name. Once activated, you can customize or edit features, including how the app will communicate with you and the size of the notification radius.

Volunteer Reactivation and Registration

I would like to remind continuing volunteers, approved during the 2018-2019 school year, to reactivate your status as a volunteer no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site (www.wcpss.net) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*. After November 15, 2019, individuals previously approved may not volunteer without a new criminal record check. To avoid unnecessary costs to the school system, please remember to reactivate early in the school year – and no later than November 15, 2019.

New volunteer applicants for the 2019-2020 school year must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through the WCPSS internet site (www.wcpss.net) and clicking on the *Community* Tab and then *Volunteer Registration*.

Monthly Parent Newsletter and School Calendar

I will post all future parent newsletters on the school website (<http://millsparkes.wcpss.net>) on the last Tuesday of each month. We'll have copies of the newsletter at the main office if you prefer a hard copy. Also, please refer to our MPE Google calendar on the school website for upcoming events and important information.



Google Calendar

We are currently having difficulty with the Google Calendar found on our school website. Some events are not appearing on the calendar. Be assured events that are appearing on the calendar are correct. Hopefully, after a Sept. 9th update, this issue will be resolved. If you should have any questions about upcoming events, please do not hesitate to call the school.

MPE Open House

Please join us for Open House on Tuesday, September 10th (K-2) and Thursday, September 19th (3-5) to learn important information about the curriculum, classroom management, grading, and other specifics about your child's class. You will report directly to your child's classroom at 6:30 pm. Both nights are heavily attended, so please plan accordingly to allow time to park.

Open House Schedule

- Tuesday, September 10, 2019
 - **PTA General Meeting in the media center, 5:45 – 6:25 pm**
 - K, 1st, & 2nd Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 pm

- Thursday, September 19, 2019
 - 4th Grade Parent AIG Meeting in media center, 5:50 – 6:20 pm
 - 3rd, 4th, & 5th Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
 - 5th Grade Parent AIG Meeting in the media center, 7:20 – 7:50 pm

Before School Care Program

Unfortunately, we must place a cap on our Before School Care Program. We've had a large number of students register for our Before School Care program since Meet the Teacher Day on August 22nd. We are not able to accept any more registrations at this time. We will notify you as soon as we are able to lift the cap. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



We look forward to working with you this year to ensure a successful school year for your child. If you need assistance during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me or Anne Pauls, our assistant principal. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see below for upcoming events

Upcoming Events for September 2019

- Sept. 9: School Spirit Night, Andia's Ice Cream, 4:00 – 9:00 pm
- Sept. 10: PTA General Meeting, 5:45 pm, Media Center
- Sept. 10: K-2 Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 12: 3rd Grade Beginning of Grade (BOG) Test (Reading), 9:15 am
- Sept. 17: Boosterthon Student Pep Rally, Gym
- Sept. 19: 4th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 5:50 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 19: 3rd-5th Open House, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, Classrooms
- Sept. 19: 5th Grade AIG Parent Meeting, 7:20 PM, Media Center
- Sept. 26: Boosterthon Fun Run, MPE Field, 9:30 AM -12:50 PM
- Sept. 30: Teacher Workday, No School for Students